

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 11-16 are pending. Applicants amend claims 7 and 14 and cancel claim 11 in this response. Claims 5 and 8-10 were previously canceled, and claims 1-4, 6, 12, 13, 15, and 16 have been withdrawn from consideration. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 7 and 14 remain for consideration.

II. New Abstract

Applicants have supplied a new Abstract of the Disclosure, which is believed to comply with rules. Entry is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Amendments

Claims 7 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for use of improper Markush language, and claim 14 is objected to as depending from a withdrawn claim.

Applicants have amended claims 7 and 14 in accord with the Examiner's helpful suggestions. In particular, claim 14 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of withdrawn claim 11, which is now canceled. The amendment of claim 14 includes corrected Markush language. Claim 7 is also amended to correct Markush language.

IV. Permission to Cancel Non-Elected Claims

Assuming the case is otherwise in condition for allowance, Applicants hereby give the Examiner permission to cancel claims to non-elected subject matter.

V. Conclusion

In view of the remarks above, Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and pass the case to issue. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone their attorney at (610) 359-2276 if she believes that a discussion of the application might be helpful.

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